development scheme in Karnataka. It is widely known that because of free power supply to farmers, the water level has gone very, very down and the land has become barren. I want to know whether the Ministry of Rural Development has got any scheme to stop the water table from going down. As power is free, the farmer sleeps overnight, putting the motor on, and water goes on being pumped and pumped continuously for hours together. As a result of this, Pubjab is becoming a barren land and Haryana is becoming a barren land. Has the Ministry any scheme for conservation of water? What are you doing to stop the water table from going down? My suggestion is either you stop supplying free power to farmers or have some other schemes for conservation of water.

श्री शांता कुमार: महोदय, विभिन्न योजनाएं इसी प्रकार से हैं सोयल कंजरवेशन, वाटर मैंनेजमेंट और भूमि का जो स्खलन है उसको रोकने के लिए। तो इस योजना में विभिन्न योजनाओं का उद्देश्य इसी प्रकार से आता है। अलग-अलग योजनाओं के लिए अलग-अलग मानक हैं उनमें जो-जो योजनाएं आती हैं उनके लिए दिया जाता है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shrimati Kum Kum Rai.

श्री दत्ता मेघे: सभापति महोदय, हम पूरे सेशन में हाथ ऊपर करते हैं परन्तु क्वेश्चन करने के लिए हमारा नम्बर आता ही नहीं है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Selection of roads under PMGSY

*141. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to reply to Unstarred Question 4482 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the criterion for selection of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and whether all the 22 roads in Sultanpur district have been selected according to that criterion;

(b) whether Government are aware that influential people of the district succeed in inclusion of less important roads in the said scheme whereas more important roads such as Gualibaha-Chamurakha-Jafarpur road with canal route are still to be sanctioned by the district panchayat; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the concerned authorities to include the said roads in the scheme which is beneficial to 15—20 villages?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the objective of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) *viz.*, to provide all-weather road connectivity to Unconnected Habitations, priority is being directed to Unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons, followed by Unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 500 persons. Upgradation (to prescribed standards) of existing roads is a secondary objective. All the roads of Sultanpur district for the year 2001-02 have been cleared on the recommendation of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The State Government had reported that the population of Jafarpur village is 710 as per the 1991 Census and that the Galibaha-chamurakha-Jafarpur road is partially brick-soled. The State authorities have been advised to examine the feasibility of taking up the road under the PMGSY.

Demand and Supply of Bauxite

*143. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated quantum of Bauxite and Bentonite in the country and the production of Bauxite and Bentonite as on 31st March, 2002, State-wise, particularly in Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat;

(b) the details of demands and supply of Bauxite in the country at present; and

(c) the quantity of export and import of Bauxite at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) As per the National Mineral Inventory prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under the Department of Mines, the total State-wise (including district-wise for Gujarat) recoverable reserves of Bauxite and Bentonite are given at Statement-I. (*See* below)

The State-wise (including district-wise for Gujarat) production of Bauxite during 2001-2002 is given at Statement-II (*See* below). Bentonite